

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization
International Bureau(43) International Publication Date
27 March 2003 (27.03.2003)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number
WO 03/024962 A1(51) International Patent Classification⁷: C07D 413/06,
413/14, 471/04, 473/00, 487/04, 495/04, A61K 31/5377,
A61P 11/06, 37/08MX, MZ, NO, NZ, OM, PH, PL, PT, RO, RI, SD, SE, SG,
SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ,
VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.

(21) International Application Number: PCT/SE02/01651

(84) Designated States (regional): ARIPO patent (GH, GM,
KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW),
Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM),
European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE,
ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, SK,
TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ,
GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).(22) International Filing Date:
12 September 2002 (12.09.2002)

(25) Filing Language: English

(26) Publication Language: English

(30) Priority Data:
0122503.6 18 September 2001 (18.09.2001) GB(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): AS-
TRAZENECA AB [SE/SE]; S-151 85 Södertälje (SE).

(72) Inventors: and

(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): SANGANEI,
Hitesh [GB/GB]; AstraZeneca R & D Charnwood,
Bakewell Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 5RH
(GB). SPRINGTHORPE, Brian [GB/GB]; AstraZeneca
R & D Charnwood, Bakewell Road, Loughborough,
Leicestershire LE11 5RH (GB).(74) Agent: GLOBAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; As-
traZeneca AB, S-151 85 Södertälje (SE).(81) Designated States (national): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU,
AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU,
CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH,
GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC,
LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW,

Declarations under Rule 4.17:

— as to applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted
a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) for the following designations AE,
AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH,
CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI,
GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG,
KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK,
MN, MW, MX, MZ, NO, NZ, OM, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD,
SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ,
VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW. ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS,
MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian patent
(AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent
(AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB,
GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, SK, TR), OAPI patent (BF,
BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN,
TD, TG)
— of inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv)) for US only

Published:

— with international search report

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guide-
ance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the begin-
ning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.(54) Title: PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS MODULATORS OF CHEMOKINE (ESPECIALLY CCR3) AC-
TIVITY(57) Abstract: The invention provides a compound of formula (I): T is C(O) or S(O)₂; W is CH₂, (CH₂)₂, CH(CH₃), CH(CH₃)O
or cyclopropyl; X is O, CH₂, C(O), S, S(O), S(O)₂ or NR²; m is 0 or 1; R¹ is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted
heterocyclyl; R² is alkyl (optionally substituted by OH), cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;
that are modulators of chemokine (especially CCR3) activity and are especially useful for treating asthma and/or rhinitis.

WO 03/024962 A1

PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS MODULATORS OF CHEMOKINE (ESPECIALLY CCR3) ACTIVITY

The present invention concerns piperidine derivatives having pharmaceutical activity, to processes for preparing such derivatives, to pharmaceutical compositions comprising such derivatives and to the use of such derivatives as active therapeutic agents.

Pharmaceutically active piperidine derivatives are disclosed in WO99/38514, WO99/04794 and WO00/35877.

Chemokines are chemotactic cytokines that are released by a wide variety of cells to attract macrophages, T cells, eosinophils, basophils and neutrophils to sites of inflammation and also play a rôle in the maturation of cells of the immune system. Chemokines play an important rôle in immune and inflammatory responses in various diseases and disorders, including asthma and allergic diseases, as well as autoimmune pathologies such as rheumatoid arthritis and atherosclerosis. These small secreted molecules are a growing superfamily of 8-14 kDa proteins characterised by a conserved four cysteine motif. The chemokine superfamily can be divided into two main groups exhibiting characteristic structural motifs, the Cys-X-Cys (C-X-C, or α) and Cys-Cys (C-C, or β) families. These are distinguished on the basis of a single amino acid insertion between the NH-proximal pair of cysteine residues and sequence similarity.

The C-X-C chemokines include several potent chemoattractants and activators of neutrophils such as interleukin-8 (IL-8) and neutrophil-activating peptide 2 (NAP-2).

The C-C chemokines include potent chemoattractants of monocytes and lymphocytes but not neutrophils such as human monocyte chemotactic proteins 1-3 (MCP-1, MCP-2 and MCP-3), RANTES (Regulated on Activation, Normal T Expressed and Secreted), eotaxin and the macrophage inflammatory proteins 1 α and 1 β (MIP-1 α and MIP-1 β).

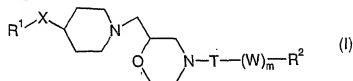
Studies have demonstrated that the actions of the chemokines are mediated by subfamilies of G protein-coupled receptors, among which are the receptors designated CCR1, CCR2, CCR2A, CCR2B, CCR3, CCR4, CCR5, CCR6, CCR7, CCR8, CCR9, CCR10, CXCR1, CXCR2, CXCR3 and CXCR4. These receptors represent good targets for drug development since agents which modulate these receptors would be useful in the treatment of disorders and diseases such as those mentioned above.

Histamine is a basic amine, 2-(4-imidazolyl)-ethylamine, and is formed from histidine by histidine decarboxylase. It is found in most tissues of the body, but is present

in high concentrations in the lung, skin and in the gastrointestinal tract. At the cellular level inflammatory cells such as mast cells and basophils store large amounts of histamine. It is recognised that the degranulation of mast cells and basophils and the subsequent release of histamine is a fundamental mechanism responsible for the clinical manifestation of an allergic process. Histamine produces its actions by an effect on specific histamine G-protein coupled receptors, which are of three main types, H1, H2 and H3. Histamine H1 antagonists comprise the largest class of medications used in the treatment of patients with allergic disorders, especially rhinitis and urticaria. Antagonists of H1 are useful in controlling the allergic response by for example blocking the action of histamine on post-capillary venule smooth muscle, resulting in decreased vascular permeability, exudation and oedema. The antagonists also produce blockade of the actions of histamine on the H1 receptors on c-type nociceptive nerve fibres, resulting in decreased itching and sneezing.

Viral infections are known to cause lung inflammation. It has been shown experimentally that the common cold increases mucosal output of eotaxin in the airways. Instillation of eotaxin into the nose can mimic some of the signs and symptoms of a common cold. (See, Greiff L *et al* Allergy (1999) 54(11) 1204-8 [Experimental common cold increase mucosal output of eotaxin in atopic individuals] and Kawaguchi M *et al* Int. Arch. Allergy Immunol. (2000) 122 S1 44 [Expression of eotaxin by normal airway epithelial cells after virus A infection].)

The present invention provides a compound of formula (I):



wherein:

T is C(O) or S(O)₂;

W is CH₂, (CH₂)₂, CH(CH₃), CH(CH₃)O or cyclopropyl;

X is O, CH₂, C(O), S, S(O), S(O)₂ or NR³;

m is 0 or 1;

R¹ is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

R² is alkyl (optionally substituted by OH), cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

- wherein the foregoing aryl and heterocyclyl moieties are optionally substituted by:
 halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, oxo, $S(O)_pR^4$, $OC(O)NR^5R^6$, NR^7R^8 , $NR^9C(O)R^{10}$,
 $NR^{11}C(O)NR^{12}R^{13}$, $S(O)_2NR^{14}R^{15}$, $NR^{16}S(O)_2R^{17}$, $C(O)NR^{18}R^{19}$, $C(O)R^{20}$, CO_2R^{21} ,
 $NR^{22}CO_2R^{23}$, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy(C_{1-6})alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6}
 5 haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy(C_{1-6})alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{3-10}
 cycloalkyl (itself optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl or oxo), methylenedioxy,
 difluoromethylenedioxy, phenyl, phenyl(C_{1-4})alkyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenyl(C_{1-4})alkoxy,
 heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, heteroaryloxy or heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkoxy;
 wherein any of the immediately foregoing phenyl and heteroaryl moieties are optionally
 10 substituted with halogen, hydroxy, nitro, $S(O)_q(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl,
 C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl),
 $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3 ;
 p and q are, independently, 0, 1 or 2;
 R^3 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^{18} , R^{19} , R^{20} , R^{21} and R^{22} are,
 15 independently, hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl (optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy or C_{3-10}
 cycloalkyl), $CH_2(C_{2-6}$ alkenyl), phenyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy,
 nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$, $S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl,
 C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl),
 $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3) or heterocyclyl (itself optionally
 20 substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$, $S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$
 alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$, cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy,
 $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$, CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$
 alkyl), $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3);
 alternatively NR^7R^6 , NR^7R^8 , $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $NR^{14}R^{15}$, $NR^{18}R^{19}$ or groups $N(C_{1-4}alkd)_2$ may,
 25 independently, form a 4-7 membered heterocyclic ring, azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine,
 azepine, 1,4-morpholine or 1,4-piperazine, the latter optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl on
 the distal nitrogen;
 R^4 , R^{17} and R^{23} are, independently, C_{1-6} alkyl (optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy
 or C_{3-10} cycloalkyl), $CH_2(C_{2-6}$ alkenyl), phenyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen,
 30 hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to
 form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), $S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4}$
 alkyl), $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for
 R^5 and R^6 above), cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl),

- C(O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R⁵ and R⁶ above), CO₂H, CO₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), NHC(O)(C₁₋₄ alkyl), NHS(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), C(O)(C₁₋₄ alkyl), CF₃ or OCF₃) or heterocyclyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH₂, NH(C₁₋₄ alkyl), N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R⁵ and R⁶ above), S(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), S(O)₂NH₂, S(O)₂NH(C₁₋₄ alkyl), S(O)₂N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R⁵ and R⁶ above), cyano, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, C(O)NH₂, C(O)NH(C₁₋₄ alkyl), C(O)N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R⁵ and R⁶ above), CO₂H, CO₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), NHC(O)(C₁₋₄ alkyl), NHS(O)₂(C₁₋₄ alkyl), C(O)(C₁₋₄ alkyl), CF₃ or OCF₃);
- 10 or an N-oxide thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or a solvate thereof.

Certain compounds of the present invention can exist in different isomeric forms (such as enantiomers, diastereomers, geometric isomers or tautomers). The present invention covers all such isomers and mixtures thereof in all proportions.

- 15 Suitable salts include acid addition salts such as a hydrochloride, dihydrochloride, hydrobromide, phosphate, sulfate, acetate, diacetate, fumarate, maleate, tartrate, citrate, oxalate, methanesulfonate or *p*-toluenesulfonate.

The compounds of the invention may exist as solvates (such as hydrates) and the present invention covers all such solvates.

- 20 Halogen includes fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

Alkyl groups and moieties are straight or branched chain and are, for example, methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, *iso*-propyl or *tert*-butyl. Alkyl preferably comprises 1-6 carbon atoms.

- 25 Alkenyl is, for example, vinyl or allyl. Alkenyl preferably comprises 2-6 carbon atoms.

Alkynyl is, for example, propargyl. Alkynyl preferably comprises 2-6 carbon atoms.

- 30 Cycloalkyl is mono-, bi or tricyclic and is, for example, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, norbornyl or camphoryl. The cycloalkyl ring is optionally fused to a benzene ring (for example forming a bicyclo[4.2.0]octa-1,3,5-trienyl, indanyl or tetrahydronaphthalenyl ring system).

Aryl is preferably phenyl or naphthyl.

Heterocyclyl is an aromatic or non-aromatic 5 or 6 membered ring, optionally fused to one or more other rings, comprising at least one heteroatom selected from the group comprising nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur; or an N-oxide thereof, or an S-oxide or S-dioxide thereof. Heterocyclyl is, for example, furyl, thienyl (also known as thiophenyl), pyrrolyl, 2,5-dihydropyrrolyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, imidazolyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, pyridinyl (for example in 6-oxo-1,6-dihydro-pyridinyl), pyrimidinyl, indolyl, 2,3-dihydroindolyl, benzo[b]furyl (also known as benzofuryl), benz[b]thienyl (also known as benzthienyl or benzthiophenyl), 2,3-dihydrobenz[b]thienyl (for example in 1,1-dioxo-2,3-dihydrobenz[b]thienyl), indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benztriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzthiazolyl (for example in 1H-benzthiazol-2-one-yl), 2,3-dihydrobenzthiazolyl (for example in 2,3-dihydrobenzthiazol-2-one-yl), 1,2,3-benzothiadiazolyl, an imidazopyridinyl (such as imidazo[1,2a]pyridinyl), thieno[3,2-b]pyridin-6-yl 1,2,3-benzoxadiazolyl (also known as benzo[1,2,3]thiadiazolyl), 2,1,3-benzothiadiazolyl, benzofurazan (also known as 2,1,3-benzoxadiazolyl), quinoxalyl, dihydro-1-benzopyryliumyl (for example in a coumarinyl or a chromonyl), 3,4-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzothiazinyl (for example in 2-dioxo-3,4-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzothiazinyl), a pyrazolopyridine (for example 1H-pyrazolo[3,4-b]pyridinyl), a purine (for example in 3,7-dihydro-purin-2,6-dione-8-yl), quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl (for example in 2H-isoquinolin-1-one-yl), a naphthyridinyl (for example [1,6]naphthyridinyl or [1,8]naphthyridinyl or in 1H-[1,8]naphthyridin-4-one-yl), a benzothiazinyl (for example in 4H-benzo[1,4]thiazin-3-one-yl), benzo[d]imidazo[2,1-b]thiazol-2-yl or dibenzothiophenyl (also known as dibenzothieryl); or an N-oxide thereof (such as a pyridine N-oxide), or an S-oxide or S-dioxide thereof. Additionally heterocyclyl can be 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, tetrazolyl; pyridazinyl, thienof[2,3-b]pyridinyl, pyrazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazinyl, purinyl, pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl, thieno[2,3-c]pyrazolyl or phthalazinyl.

An N-oxide of a compound of formula (I) is, for example, a 2-(1-oxo-piperidin-1-yl)methyl-morpholinyl compound.

In one particular aspect the present invention provides a compound of formula (I) wherein: T is C(O) or S(O)₂; W is CH₂, (CH₂)₂, CH(CH₃), CH(CH₃)O or cyclopropyl; X is O, CH₂, C(O), S, S(O), S(O)₂ or NR³; m is 0 or 1; R¹ is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl; R² is alkyl (optionally substituted by OH), cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl; wherein the foregoing aryl and heterocyclyl moieties are optionally substituted by: halogen, cyano, nitro,

- hydroxy, oxo, $S(O)_pR^4$, $OC(O)NR^5R^6$, NR^7R^8 , $NR^9C(O)R^{10}$, $NR^{11}C(O)NR^{12}R^{13}$, $S(O)_2NR^{14}R^{15}$, $NR^{16}S(O)_2R^{17}$, $C(O)NR^{18}R^{19}$, $C(O)R^{20}$, CO_2R^{21} , $NR^{22}CO_2R^{23}$, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} haloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy(C_{1-6})alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} haloalkoxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy(C_{1-6})alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkylthio, C_{1-6} haloalkylthio, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl
- 5 (itself optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl or oxo), methylenedioxy, difluoromethylenedioxy, phenyl, phenyl(C_{1-4})alkyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenyl(C_{1-4})alkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkyl, heteroaryloxy or heteroaryl(C_{1-4})alkoxy; wherein any of the immediately foregoing phenyl and heteroaryl moieties are optionally substituted with halogen, hydroxy, nitro, $S(O)_q(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl,
- 10 C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3 ; p and q are, independently, 0, 1 or 2; R^3 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , R^{14} , R^{15} , R^{16} , R^{18} , R^{19} , R^{20} , R^{21} and R^{22} are, independently, hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl (optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy or C_{3-10} cycloalkyl), $CH_2(C_{2-6}$ alkenyl), phenyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy,
- 15 nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$, $S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3) or heterocyclyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$, $S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$, cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy,
- 20 $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$, CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3); alternatively NR^5R^6 , NR^7R^8 , $NR^{12}R^{13}$, $NR^{14}R^{15}$, $NR^{18}R^{19}$, may, independently, form a 4-7 membered heterocyclic ring, azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, azepine, 1,4-morpholine or 1,4-piperazine, the latter optionally substituted by C_{1-4} alkyl on the distal nitrogen; R^4 , R^{17} and R^{23} are,
- 25 independently, C_{1-6} alkyl (optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy or C_{3-10} cycloalkyl), $CH_2(C_{2-6}$ alkenyl), phenyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), $S(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above),
- 30 cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)N(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) $_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHC(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), $C(O)(C_{1-4}$ alkyl), CF_3 or OCF_3) or heterocyclyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $NH(C_{1-4}$

alkyl), $N(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), $S(O)_2(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), cyano, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkoxy, $C(O)NH_2$, $C(O)NH(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $C(O)N(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), CO_2H , $CO_2(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $NHC(O)(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $C(O)(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, CF_3 or OCF_3 ; or an N-oxide thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or a solvate thereof.

In a further aspect X is O.

In another aspect R^1 is phenyl substituted with one or more of fluorine, chlorine, C_{1-4} alkyl (especially methyl) or C_{1-4} alkoxy (especially methoxy).

In a further aspect R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted (for example with one, two or three of) by halogen (especially fluoro or chloro), C_{1-4} alkyl (especially methyl) or C_{1-4} alkoxy (especially methoxy). In a still further aspect R^1 is phenyl substituted by one, two or three of: fluoro, chloro, methyl or methoxy. In a still further aspect R^1 is 3,4-dichlorophenyl.

In a still further aspect T is $C(O)$.

In another aspect m is 1 and W is CH_2 .

In yet another aspect m is 0.

In a still further aspect R^2 is unsubstituted phenyl, mono-substituted phenyl, unsubstituted heterocyclyl or mono-substituted heterocyclyl, the substituents being chosen from those described above.

In another aspect R^2 is phenyl substituted with halogen, alkyl or alkoxy.

In yet another aspect R^2 is phenyl or heterocyclyl, either of which is optionally substituted by: halo, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, amino, C_{1-4} alkyl (itself optionally substituted by $S(O)_2(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $S(O)_2\text{phenyl}$), C_{1-4} alkoxy, $S(O)_kR^{24}$ (wherein k is 0, 1 or 2 (preferably 2); and R^{24} is C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} hydroxyalkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl(C_{1-4} alkyl) (such as cyclopropylmethyl) or phenyl), C_{1-4} haloalkylthio, $C(O)NH_2$, $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$ or $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$.

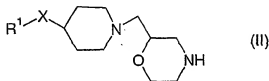
In one aspect the variable R^2 is phenyl optionally substituted by: halo, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, amino, C_{1-4} alkyl (itself optionally substituted by $S(O)_2(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $S(O)_2\text{phenyl}$), C_{1-4} alkoxy, $S(O)_kR^{24}$ (wherein k is 0, 1 or 2 (preferably 2); and R^{24} is C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} hydroxyalkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl(C_{1-4} alkyl) (such as cyclopropylmethyl) or phenyl), C_{1-4} haloalkylthio, $C(O)NH_2$, $NHS(O)_2(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $S(O)_2NH_2$, $S(O)_2NH(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$ or $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$.

alkyl) or $S(O)_2N(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above).

- In another aspect the variable R^2 is phenyl optionally substituted by: halo, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, amino, C_{1-4} alkyl (itself optionally substituted by $S(O)_2$ phenyl), C_{1-4} alkoxy, $S(O)_kR^{24}$ (wherein k is 0, 1 or 2; and R^{24} is C_{1-4} alkyl or phenyl) or C_{1-4} haloalkylthio.

- In a further aspect R^2 is optionally substituted heterocyclyl; wherein heterocyclyl is thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, tetrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, benz[b]thienyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benztriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, imidazo[1,2a]pyridinyl, [1,8]naphthyridinyl, isoquinolinyl, thieno[2,3-b]pyridinyl, pyrazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazinyl, purinyl, pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl, thieno[2,3-c]pyrazolyl or phthalazinyl; and heterocyclyl is optionally substituted by halogen (such as fluoro), C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylthio, phenyl, thienyl, pyridinyl, CF_3 , NH_2 , $CO_2(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$ or oxo.

- A compound of formula (I) can be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (II):



- with a compound of formula $L-T-(W)_m-R^2$, wherein when L is halogen the reaction is conducted in the presence of a suitable amine (such as triethylamine), and when L is OH the reaction is conducted in the presence of a suitable coupling agent (such as $PyBOP^{TM}$). A compound of formula (II) can be prepared by methodology analogous to that described in the Examples below. It will be appreciated that in the process described above other functional groups (such as amine or hydroxy groups) of intermediate compounds may need to be protected by protecting groups. The use of protecting groups is described in 'Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis', 2nd edition, T.W. Greene & P.G.M. Wutz, Wiley-Interscience (1991).

Further compounds of formula (I) can be prepared by adaptation of: the routes described above, methods described in the art or the Examples recited below. The necessary intermediates are either commercially available or can be prepared by using or adapting methods described in the art.

In another aspect the present invention provides processes for the preparation of compounds of formula (I).

The compounds of the invention have activity as pharmaceuticals, in particular as modulators of chemokine receptor (especially CCR3) activity, and may be used in the treatment of autoimmune, inflammatory, proliferative or hyperproliferative diseases, or immunologically-mediated diseases (including rejection of transplanted organs or tissues and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)).

In one aspect examples of these conditions are:

- (1) (the respiratory tract) obstructive diseases of airways including: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (such as irreversible COPD); asthma {such as bronchial, allergic, intrinsic, extrinsic or dust asthma, particularly chronic or inveterate asthma (for example late asthma or airways hyper-responsiveness)}; bronchitis {such as eosinophilic bronchitis}; acute, allergic, atrophic rhinitis or chronic rhinitis including rhinitis caseosa, hypertrophic rhinitis, rhinitis purulenta, rhinitis sicca or rhinitis medicamentosa; membranous rhinitis including croupous, fibrinous or pseudomembranous rhinitis or scrofulous rhinitis; seasonal rhinitis including rhinitis nervosa (hay fever) or vasomotor rhinitis; sarcoidosis; farmer's lung and related diseases; nasal polyposis; fibroid lung, idiopathic interstitial pneumonia, antitussive activity, treatment of chronic cough associated with inflammatory conditions of the airways or iatrogenic induced cough;
- (2) (bone and joints) arthrides including rheumatic, infectious, autoimmune, seronegative spondyloarthropathies (such as ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis or Reiter's disease), Behçet's disease, Sjogren's syndrome or systemic sclerosis;
- (3) (skin and eyes) psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis or other eczematous dermatides, seborrhoetic dermatitis, Lichen planus, Pemphigus, bullous Pemphigus, Epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angiodermas, vasculitides erythemas, cutaneous eosinophilias, uveitis, Alopecia areata or vernal conjunctivitis;
- (4) (gastrointestinal tract) Coeliac disease, proctitis, eosinophilic gastro-enteritis, mastocytosis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel disease or food-related allergies which have effects remote from the gut (for example migraine, rhinitis or eczema);

- (5) (Allograft rejection) acute and chronic following, for example, transplantation of kidney, heart, liver, lung, bone marrow, skin or cornea; or chronic graft versus host disease; and/or
- (6) (other tissues or diseases) Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, atherosclerosis, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Lupus disorders (such as lupus erythematosus or systemic lupus), erythematosus, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, myasthenia gravis, type I diabetes, nephrotic syndrome, eosinophilia fascitis, hyper IgB syndrome, leprosy (such as lepromatous leprosy), Peridontal disease, Sezary syndrome, idiopathic thrombocytopenia pupura or disorders of the menstrual cycle.

The compounds of the invention are also H1 antagonists and may be used in the treatment of allergic disorders.

The compounds of the invention may also be used to control a sign and/or symptom of what is commonly referred to as a cold (for example a sign and/or symptom of a common cold or influenza or other associated respiratory virus infection).

According to a further feature of the invention there is provided a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof, for use in a method of treatment of a warm blooded animal (such as man) by therapy (including prophylaxis).

According to a further feature of the present invention there is provided a method for modulating chemokine receptor activity (especially CCR3 receptor activity), or antagonising H1, in a warm blooded animal, such as man, in need of such treatment, which comprises administering to said animal an effective amount of a compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof.

The invention also provides a compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof, for use as a medicament.

In another aspect the invention provides the use of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in therapy (for example modulating chemokine receptor activity (especially CCR3 receptor activity), or antagonising H1, in a warm blooded animal, such as man).

The invention further provides the use of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of:

- (1) (the respiratory tract) obstructive diseases of airways including: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (such as irreversible COPD); asthma {such as bronchial, allergic, intrinsic, extrinsic or dust asthma, particularly chronic or inveterate asthma (for example late asthma or airways hyper-responsiveness)}; bronchitis {such as eosinophilic bronchitis}; acute, allergic, atrophic rhinitis or chronic rhinitis including rhinitis caseosa, hypertrophic rhinitis, rhinitis purulenta, rhinitis sicca or rhinitis medicamentosa; membranous rhinitis including croupous, fibrinous or pseudomembranous rhinitis or scrofulous rhinitis; seasonal rhinitis including rhinitis nervosa (hay fever) or vasomotor rhinitis; sarcoidosis; farmer's lung and related diseases; nasal polyposis; fibroid lung, idiopathic interstitial pneumonia, antitussive activity, treatment of chronic cough associated with inflammatory conditions of the airways or iatrogenic induced cough;
 - (2) (bone and joints) arthrides including rheumatic, infectious, autoimmune, seronegative spondyloarthropathies (such as ankylosing spondylitis, psoriatic arthritis or Reiter's disease), Behcet's disease, Sjogren's syndrome or systemic sclerosis;
 - (3) (skin and eyes) psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis or other eczematous dermatides, seborrhoetic dermatitis, Lichen planus, Pemphigus, bullous Pemphigus, Epidermolysis bullosa, urticaria, angiodermas, vasculitides erythemas, cutaneous eosinophilias, uveitis, Alopecia areata or vernal conjunctivitis;
 - (4) (gastrointestinal tract) Coeliac disease, proctitis, eosinophilic gastro-enteritis, mastocytosis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel disease or food-related allergies which have effects remote from the gut (for example migraine, rhinitis or eczema);
 - (5) (Allograft rejection) acute and chronic following, for example, transplantation of kidney, heart, liver, lung, bone marrow, skin or cornea; or chronic graft versus host disease; and/or
 - (6) (other tissues or diseases) Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, atherosclerosis, Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Lupus disorders (such as lupus erythematosus or systemic lupus), erythematosus, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, myasthenia gravis, type I diabetes, nephrotic syndrome, eosinophilia fascitis, hyper IgE syndrome, leprosy (such as lepromatous leprosy), Peridontal disease, sezary syndrome, idiopathic thrombocytopenia pupura or disorders of the menstrual cycle;
- in a warm blooded animal, such as man.

In a further aspect a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is useful in the treatment of asthma (such as bronchial, allergic, intrinsic, extrinsic or dust asthma, particularly chronic or inveterate asthma (for example late asthma or airways hyper-responsiveness)); or rhinitis (including acute, allergic, atrophic or chronic rhinitis, such as rhinitis caseosa, hypertrophic rhinitis, rhinitis purulenta, rhinitis sicca or rhinitis medicamentosa; membranous rhinitis including croupous, fibrinous or pseudomembranous rhinitis or scrofulous rhinitis; seasonal rhinitis including rhinitis nervosa (hay fever) or vasomotor rhinitis).

In a still further aspect a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is useful in the treatment of asthma.

The present invention also provides the use of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of asthma or rhinitis.

The present invention further provides a method of treating a chemokine mediated disease state (especially a CCR3 mediated disease state, especially asthma) in a warm blooded animal, such as man, which comprises administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or solvate thereof.

In order to use a compound of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or solvate thereof, for the therapeutic treatment of a warm blooded animal, such as man, in particular modulating chemokine receptor (for example CCR3 receptor) activity or antagonising H1, said ingredient is normally formulated in accordance with standard pharmaceutical practice as a pharmaceutical composition.

Therefore in another aspect the present invention provides a pharmaceutical composition that comprises a compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof (active ingredient), and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier. In a further aspect the present invention provides a process for the preparation of said composition that comprises mixing active ingredient with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier. Depending on the mode of administration, the pharmaceutical composition will preferably comprise from 0.05 to 99 %w (per cent by weight), more preferably from 0.05 to 80 %w, still more preferably from 0.10 to 70 %w, and even more preferably from 0.10 to 50 %w, of active ingredient, all percentages by weight being based on total composition.

The pharmaceutical compositions of this invention may be administered in standard manner for the disease condition that it is desired to treat, for example by topical (such as to the lung and/or airways or to the skin), oral, rectal or parenteral administration. For these purposes the compounds of this invention may be formulated by means known in the art into the form of, for example, aerosols, dry powder formulations, tablets, capsules, syrups, powders, granules, aqueous or oily solutions or suspensions, (lipid) emulsions, dispersible powders, suppositories, ointments, creams, drops and sterile injectable aqueous or oily solutions or suspensions.

A suitable pharmaceutical composition of this invention is one suitable for oral administration in unit dosage form, for example a tablet or capsule which contains between 0.1mg and 1g of active ingredient.

In another aspect a pharmaceutical composition of the invention is one suitable for intravenous, subcutaneous or intramuscular injection.

Each patient may receive, for example, an intravenous, subcutaneous or intramuscular dose of 0.01mgkg^{-1} to 100mgkg^{-1} of the compound, preferably in the range of 0.1mgkg^{-1} to 20mgkg^{-1} of this invention, the composition being administered 1 to 4 times per day. The intravenous, subcutaneous and intramuscular dose may be given by means of a bolus injection. Alternatively the intravenous dose may be given by continuous infusion over a period of time. Alternatively each patient will receive a daily oral dose which is approximately equivalent to the daily parenteral dose, the composition being administered 1 to 4 times per day.

The following illustrate representative pharmaceutical dosage forms containing the compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof (hereafter Compound X), for therapeutic or prophylactic use in humans:

(a)

Tablet I	mg/tablet
Compound X	100
Lactose Ph.Eur.	179
Croscarmellose sodium	12.0
Polyvinylpyrrolidone	6
Magnesium stearate	3.0

(b)

<u>Tablet II</u>	<u>mg/tablet</u>
Compound X	50
Lactose Ph.Eur.	229
Croscarmellose sodium	12.0
Polyvinylpyrrolidone	6
Magnesium stearate	3.0

(c)

<u>Tablet III</u>	<u>mg/tablet</u>
Compound X	1.0
Lactose Ph.Eur.	92
Croscarmellose sodium	4.0
Polyvinylpyrrolidone	2.0
Magnesium stearate	1.0

5 (d)

<u>Capsule</u>	<u>mg/capsule</u>
Compound X	10
Lactose Ph.Eur.	389
Croscarmellose sodium	100
Magnesium stearate	1.0

(e)

<u>Injection I</u>	<u>(50 mg/ml)</u>
Compound X	5.0% w/v
Isotonic aqueous solution	to 100%

10 Buffers, pharmaceutically-acceptable cosolvents such as polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, glycerol or ethanol or complexing agents such as hydroxy-propyl β -cyclodextrin may be used to aid formulation.

The above formulations may be obtained by conventional procedures well known in the pharmaceutical art. The tablets (a)-(c) may be enteric coated by conventional means, for example to provide a coating of cellulose acetate phthalate.

The invention will now be illustrated by the following non-limiting Examples (but not Examples 1 and 2) in which, unless stated otherwise:

- (i) when given, ¹H NMR data is quoted in the form of delta values for major diagnostic protons, given in parts per million (ppm) relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard;
- (ii) mass spectra (MS): generally only ions which indicate the parent mass are reported, and unless otherwise stated the mass ion quoted is the positive mass ion - (M+H)⁺;
- (iii) the title and sub-title compounds of the examples and methods were named using the ACD/name program (version 4.53) from Advanced Chemical Development Inc, Canada;
- (iv) unless stated otherwise, reverse phase HPLC was conducted using a Symmetry, NovaPak™ or XTerra™ reverse phase silica column;
- (v) solvents were dried with MgSO₄ or Na₂SO₄; and,
- (vi) the following abbreviations are used:

THF	tetrahydrofuran;
Boc	<i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl;
HPLC	high pressure liquid chromatography;
DEAD	diethyl-azodicarboxylate; and,
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid.

Example 1

This Example illustrates the preparation of 4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidine.

Step a: *tert*-Butyl 4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)-1-piperidinecarboxylate.

- Diethyl azodicarboxylate (41ml) was added to a solution of triphenylphosphine (62.9g) in tetrahydrofuran (800ml) at 0°C. After 15 minutes 3,4-dichlorophenol (39.1g) was added, after a further 15 minutes *tert*-butyl 4-hydroxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (48.3g) in tetrahydrofuran (400ml) was added dropwise over 30 minutes. The solution was stirred at room temperature for 16 hours and concentrated to a small volume. Purification by flash chromatography (silica) eluting with ethyl acetate: *iso*-hexane (95:5) gave the sub-title compound as an oil (61.3g).

MS: APCI (+ve): 246 (M-BOC+2H)

Step b: 4-(3,4-Dichlorophenoxy)piperidine

The product from Step (a) was dissolved in dichloromethane (600ml) and trifluoroacetic acid (300ml) was added. After 24 hours at room temperature the solution was evaporated and the resultant gum triturated under ether to give the sub-titled product as a solid (36.6g). The free base was liberated by addition of aqueous NaOH (2M) and extraction with ethyl acetate followed by evaporation of solvent to give the title compound as a gum (25g).

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.77 (1H, br s), 2.05-2.26 (4H, m), 3.20-3.49 (4H, m), 4.61 (1H, s), 6.69-7.52 (3H, m).

Other substituted phenoxy piperidines are known in the literature. See, for example, WO 01/77101

Example 2

This Example illustrates the preparation of 2-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl}morpholine-4-carboxylate

Step a: *tert*-Butyl 2-{{[(methylsulfonyl)oxy]methyl}morpholine-4-carboxylate

To a solution of *tert*-butyl 2-(hydroxymethyl)morpholine-4-carboxylate (0.5g) and *N*-ethyl-*N,N*-diisopropylamine (0.2ml) in dichloromethane (20ml) at room temperature was added methanesulfonic anhydride (0.48g). The reaction was stirred for 5 days. The reaction mixture was poured onto saturated aqueous NaHCO_3 solution and the organics were extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with brine, dried with MgSO_4 and concentrated to give an oil (0.35g). This was used without further purification.

^1H NMR (CDCl_3) 1.47 (9H, s), 2.72-3.01 (4H, m), 3.07 (3H, s), 3.55 (1H, t), 3.66-3.74 (1H, m), 3.84-3.98 (3H, m).

Step b: *tert*-Butyl 2-{{[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl}morpholine-4-carboxylate

To a solution of the product from Example 1, Step (b) dissolved in acetonitrile (12ml) was added the product of Example 2, Step (a). The mixture was refluxed for 12 hrs and the solvents were evaporated. Purification by flash chromatography (silica) eluting with dichloromethane: methanol: NH_3 (aq) (2:98:0.1) gave the sub-title compound as an oil (1.9g).

MS: ES(+ve): 445 (M+H)

Step c: 2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholine

The product from Step (b) was dissolved in dichloromethane (30ml) and trifluoroacetic acid (10ml) was added. After 4 hours at room temperature the solution was evaporated. The free base was liberated by addition of aqueous NaOH (2M) and extraction with dichloromethane. The combined organic extracts were dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated to give an oil (1.47g).

MS: APCI (+ve): 345 (M+H)

Example 3

This Example illustrates the preparation of 2-[[2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholin-4-yl]carbonyl]-6-fluoroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine.

Step a: 6-Fluoro-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

To a solution of 2-amino-5-fluoropyridine (1.12g) in diethyl ether (25ml) was added ethyl bromopyruvate (1.25ml). The mixture was stirred for 1 hour. The resultant solid was filtered off, suspended in ethanol and heated at reflux for 4 hrs. The solvent was removed by evaporation and the residue partitioned between ethyl acetate (100ml) and aqueous sodium bicarbonate solution (100ml). The organic layer was separated, dried with MgSO₄, and the solvent removed by evaporation. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (silica) eluting with ethyl acetate: hexane (3:1) to give the sub-title compound as a colourless solid (1.12g).

MS: ES(+ve): 209 (M+H)

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.44 (3H, t), 4.46 (2H, q), 7.19 (1H, ddd), 7.68 (1H, dd), 8.07 - 8.09 (1H, m), 8.19 (1H, s).

Step b: 6-Fluoro-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-2-carboxylic acid

A solution of the product of step (a) (1g) in 4N HCl was refluxed for 4 hours. The solvent was evaporated to give the sub-title compound as a white solid (0.86g).

MS: ES(+ve): 181 (M+H)

¹H NMR (DMSO-D₆) δ 7.81 - 7.89 (2H, m), 8.71 (1H, s), 9.03 (1H, s).

Step c: 6-Fluoroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-2-carbonyl chloride

To a suspension of the product of step (b) (20g) in toluene (250ml) and tetrabutylammonium chloride (0.3g) was added thionyl chloride (40ml) and the mixture refluxed for 4 hrs. A further aliquot of thionyl chloride (40ml) was added and the mixture was refluxed for a further 4 hrs. Solvents were evaporated and the residue was azeotroped

with toluene to give the sub-title compound as a solid (20g). This was used without further purification.

Step d: 2-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl] 6-fluoroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridine.

- 5 The product of Example 2, Step (c) (0.2g) was dissolved in dichloromethane (4ml) and triethylamine (0.16ml) added. The product of Step (c) (0.12g) was then added and the reaction stirred for 2 hrs. Saturated aqueous NaHCO₃ solution was added and the product was extracted with dichloromethane. The combined organic extracts were dried with MgSO₄ and concentrated. Purification by reverse phase HPLC (with a gradient eluent
10 system (25% MeCN/NH_{3(aq)} (0.1%) to 95% MeCN/NH_{3(aq)} (0.1%)) gave the title compound (0.024g).

MS: APCI (+ve): 507 (M+H)

- ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.83 (2H, brs), 1.97 (2H, brs), 2.39 - 2.42 (3H, m), 2.60 - 2.76
(3H, m), 2.98 - 3.12 (1H, m), 3.35 - 3.44 (1H, m), 3.63 - 3.75 (2H, m), 3.97 - 4.05 (1H,
15 m), 4.23 - 4.30 (1H, m), 4.52 - 4.65 (1H, m), 5.28 - 5.37 (1H, m), 6.75 (1H, dd), 7.00 (1H,
d), 7.14 - 7.21 (1H, m), 7.29 - 7.32 (1H, m), 7.53 - 7.58 (1H, m), 8.07 - 8.09 (1H, m), 8.12
(1H, s)

Example 4

- This Example illustrates the preparation of 2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-
20 1-yl]methyl]-4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl]morpholine and separation of their enantiomers.

The product of Example 2 Step (c) was coupled with 3-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl chloride following the procedure of Example 3 step (d) to give the title compound.

MS: APCI (+ve): 527 (M+H)

- 25 This mixture of racemates was then purified using a chirapak AD column with hexane: isopropanol (6:4) as eluent to give two enantiomerically pure compounds with unknown absolute configuration. The absolute configuration was established by preparation of one of the enantiomers by the method of Example 5.

Example 5

- 30 This Example illustrates the preparation of (2S)-2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl]morpholine
Step a: *tert*-Butyl (2*R*)-2-[[4-(methylsulfonyl)oxy]methyl]morpholine-4-carboxylate

Prepared in a similar manner to Example 2 Step (a) using *tert*-butyl (2*R*)-2-(hydroxymethyl)morpholine-4-carboxylate.

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.47 (9H, s), 2.78 (1H, br s), 2.95 (1H, br s), 3.07 (3H, s), 3.55 (1H, td), 3.67 - 3.72 (1H, m), 3.90 - 3.93 (3H, m), 4.24 (2H, d).

- 5 Step b: *tert*-Butyl (2*S*)-2-{[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl}morpholine-4-carboxylate

Prepared in a similar manner to Example 2 Step (b) using the product of Step (a).
MS: ES (+ve): 389 (M-*tert*-butyl).

Step c: (2*R*)-2-{[4-(3,4-Dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl}morpholine

- 10 Prepared in a similar manner to Example 2 Step (c) using the product of Step (b).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.77 - 1.86 (4H, m), 1.95 - 2.01 (2H, m), 2.26 (1H, dd), 2.35 (2H, t), 2.48 - 2.57 (2H, m), 2.73 (2H, s), 2.82 - 2.93 (2H, m), 3.56 - 3.66 (2H, m), 3.87 - 3.90 (1H, m), 4.26 (1H, m), 6.75 (1H, dd), 6.99 (1H, d), 7.30 (1H, d).

- Step d: (2*S*)-2-{[4-(3,4-Dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl}-4-[3-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl]morpholine

The product of Example 5 Step (c) was coupled with 3-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl chloride following the procedure of Example 3 Step (d) to give the title compound.

MS: APCI (+ve): 527 (M+H)

- 20 ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.59 - 1.86 (7H, m), 2.37 - 2.73 (7H, m), 3.08 (3H, s), 3.59 (3H, s), 4.25 (1H, s), 6.75 (1H, d), 6.99 (1H, s), 7.30 (1H, d), 7.64 - 7.72 (2H, m), 8.00 - 8.04 (2H, m)

$[\alpha]_D^{25} = +15.70$ (c 0.16, CHCl₃).

- 25 The Examples 6-72 are examples of compounds of formula (I) and were prepared by the following general method:

- The product of Example 2 Step (c) was dissolved in 1-methylpyrrolidin-2-one (as solvent) with triethylamine (3 molar equivalents) and the appropriate acid of formula HO-T-(W)_m-R² (1 molar equivalents). Bromo-tris-pyrrolidino-phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PYBROPTM, 1.5 molar equivalents) was then added and the reaction
30 left for 24 hrs. Evaporation of solvent and purification by reverse phase HPLC (with a gradient eluent system (25% MeCN/NH₃(aq) (0.1%) to 95% MeCN/NH₃(aq) (0.1%)) gave the Examples 6-72.

All of Examples 6-72 are compounds wherein X is O and T is C(O); and for:

Example 13 m is 1 and W is CH(CH₃);

Example 22 m is 1 and W is cyclopropyl;

Examples 29, 35, 39, 40, 44, 45, 47, 50, 51, 60, 62, 63, 64, 67 and 72 W is CH₂;

Examples 23 and 31 m is 1 and W is (CH₂)₂;

5 Example 42 m is 1 and W is CH(CH₃)O; and,

For the remaining Examples m is 0.

Example	Name	(M+H)
6	N-4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]phenyl acetamide	506
7	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]-4-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-2-ylcarbonyl)morpholine	503
8	methyl 4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]benzoate	507
9	3-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1-ethyl-7-methyl-1,8-naphthyridin-4(1H)-one	559
10	4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]benzonitrile	474
11	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]-4-(1H-pyrazol-4-ylcarbonyl)morpholine	439
12	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]-4-[(5-pyridin-2-ylthien-2-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	532
13	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]-4-[2-(2-fluoro-1,1'-biphenyl-4-yl)propanoyl]morpholine	571
14	2-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-3-fluoroaniline	482
15	5-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-2-(ethylthio)pyrimidin-4-amine	526
16	3-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl)methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-4,7-dimethylpyrazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazine	519

17	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(5-methyl-3-phenylisoxazol-4-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	530
18	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(1-oxidopyridin-3-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	466
19	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	468
20	6-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-9H-purine	491
21	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(5-methyl-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	529
22	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[[[(2R)-2-phenylcyclopropyl]carbonyl]morpholine	489
23	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-(3-piperidin-1-ylpropanoyl)morpholine	484
24	6-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-2,7-dimethylpyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidine	518
25	4-(1-benzothien-2-ylcarbonyl)-2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholine	505
26	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(2,4-dimethyl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	484
27	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-(3-fluoro-2-methylbenzoyl)morpholine	481
28	1-benzyl-3-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]pyridin-2(1H)-one	556
29	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-(1H-imidazol-4-ylacetyl)morpholine	453
30	5-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1-methylpyridin-2(1H)-one	480
31	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[3-(3-pyridin-2-yl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)propanoyl]morpholine	546

32	methyl 3-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]pyridine-2-carboxylate	508
33	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-[(4-methyl-2-pyrazin-2-yl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	548
34	4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1,2-dihydro-3H-indazol-3-one	505
35	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-[(4-methylphenyl)acetyl]morpholine	477
36	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-(isoxazol-5-ylcarbonyl)morpholine	440
37	N-{4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1,3-thiazol-2-yl}acetamide	513
38	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-(1-oxidoisonicotinoyl)morpholine	466
39	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-[(3,4-difluorophenyl)acetyl]morpholine	499
40	4-[2-(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]phthalazin-1(2H)-one	531
41	N-{4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]phenyl}methanesulfonamide	542
42	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-(2-phenoxypropanoyl)morpholine	493
43	6-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-4,5-dihydropyridazin-3(2H)-one	469
44	1-[2-(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-5-methylpyrimidine-2,4(1H,3H)-dione	511
45	4-(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)-4-oxobutan-2-ol	431
46	4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]isoquinolin-1(2H)-one	516

47	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(3-methyl-1H-1,2,4-triazol-5-yl)acetyl]morpholine	468
48	7-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-2H-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4H)-one	520
49	(1S)-2-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]cyclopentanol	457
50	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(3,5-difluorophenyl)acetyl]morpholine	499
51	1-[2-(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-3-ethyl-1,3-dihydro-2H-benzimidazol-2-one	547
52	{3-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1H-pyrazol-4-yl}methanol	469
53	N-[2-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]phenyl]-1,3-dimethyl-1H-pyrazol-5-amine	558
54	4-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1-methyl-1H-pyrazol-5-amine	468
55	5-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1,3-dimethyl-1H-thieno[2,3-c]pyrazole	523
56	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	507
57	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[4-(2H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzoyl]morpholine	517
58	1-[4-[(2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]phenyl]pyrrolidin-2-one	532
59	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[(3-phenylisoxazol-5-yl)carbonyl]morpholine	516
60	2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]-4-[[4-(methylsulfonyl)phenyl]acetyl]morpholine	541

61	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-([5-(methylsulfonyl)thien-2-yl]carbonyl)morpholine	533
62	8-[2-(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1,3-dimethyl-3,7-dihydro-1H-purine-2,6-dione	565
63	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-[(2-methyl-4-thien-2-yl-1,3-thiazol-5-yl)acetyl]morpholine	566
64	2-[2-(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]benzonitrile	488
65	4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1,2-dihydro-3H-pyrazol-3-one	559
66	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-([3-methyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)isoxazol-4-yl]carbonyl)morpholine	522
67	1-[2-(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]-1H-1,2,3-benzotriazole	504
68	2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-4-([2-(methylsulfinyl)thien-3-yl]carbonyl)morpholine	517
69	3-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-1-methylpyridin-2(1H)-one	480
70	3-[4-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]phenyl]-1H-indazole	565
71	2-[(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)-morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl]-4,6-dimethylthieno[2,3-b]pyridin-3-amine	549
72	4-[2-(2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)morpholin-4-yl)-2-oxoethyl]benzenesulfonamide	542

Example 73

This Example illustrates the preparation of 4-(((2R)-2-([4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl)morpholin-4-yl)carbonyl)isoquinolin-1(2H)-one.

To a stirred solution of (2*S*)-2-[[4-(3,4-dichlorophenoxy)piperidin-1-yl]methyl]morpholine (0.170 g; prepared analogously to the enantiomer, Example 5 Steps a-c) and diisopropylethylamine (0.103 mL) in dichloromethane (0.3 mL) was added 1-oxo-1,2-dihydroisoquinoline-4-carbonyl chloride (0.107 g) at RT and the solution was stirred for 17 h. Saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (25 mL) was added and the product was extracted into ethyl acetate (20 mL x 3). Silica gel was added and the solvent was evaporated. The resultant powder was loaded onto a 3cm plug of silica gel and product was eluted (eluent 97 : 3 dichloromethane/7N NH₃ in MeOH). Further purification using RPHPLC (10% MeCN/90%NH₄OAc aq (0.1%) gradient to 70% MeCN/30%NH₄OAc) provided the title compound as a white solid (0.100g).

MS: APCI(+ve): 516 (M+H)

¹H NMR δ (DMSO at 90°C) 1.41 - 1.59 (2H, m), 1.72 - 1.83 (2H, m), 1.87-1.91 (3H, m), 2.16 - 2.31 (2H, m), 2.37 (1H, t), 2.54 - 2.67 (2H, m), 2.82 (1H, dd), 3.01 - 3.13 (1H, m), 3.43 - 3.61 (2H, m), 3.77 - 4.03 (2H, m), 4.26 - 4.38 (1H, m), 6.92 (1H, dd), 7.16 (1H, d), 7.21 (1H, s), 7.44 (1H, d), 7.50 - 7.60 (2H, m), 7.73 (1H, td), 8.25 (1H, ddd).

Example 74

Pharmacological Analysis: Calcium flux [Ca²⁺]_i assay

Human eosinophils

Human eosinophils were isolated from EDTA anticoagulated peripheral blood as previously described (Hansel et al., *J. Immunol. Methods*, 1991, 145, 105-110). The cells were resuspended (5x10⁶ ml⁻¹) and loaded with 5 μ M FLUO-3/AM + Pluronic F127 2.2 μ l/ml (Molecular Probes) in low potassium solution (LKS; NaCl 118mM, MgSO₄ 0.8mM, glucose 5.5mM, Na₂CO₃ 8.5mM, KCl 5mM, HEPES 20mM, CaCl₂ 1.8mM, BSA 0.1%, pH 7.4) for one hour at room temperature. After loading, cells were centrifuged at 200g for 5min and resuspended in LKS at 2.5x10⁶ ml⁻¹. The cells were then transferred to 96 well FLIPr plates (Poly-D-Lysine plates from Becton Dickinson pre-incubated with 5 μ M fibronectin for two hours) at 25 μ l/well. The plate was centrifuged at 200g for 5min and the cells were washed twice with LKS (200 μ l; room temperature).

A compound of the Examples was pre-dissolved in DMSO and added to a final concentration of 0.1%(v/v) DMSO. Assays were initiated by the addition of an A₃₀ concentration of eotaxin and the transient increase in fluo-3 fluorescence (I_{Ex} = 490nm and I_{Em} = 520nm) monitored using a FLIPR (Fluorometric Imaging Plate Reader, Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, U.S.A.).

Compounds of the Examples were found to be antagonists if the increase in fluorescence induced by eotaxin (a selective CCR3 agonist) was inhibited in a concentration dependent manner. The concentration of antagonist required to inhibit the fluorescence by 50% can be used to determine the IC₅₀ for the antagonist at the CCR3 receptor.

Example 75

Human eosinophil chemotaxis

Human eosinophils were isolated from EDTA anticoagulated peripheral blood as previously described (Hansel et al., *J. Immunol. Methods*, 1991, 145, 105-110). The cells were resuspended at $10 \times 10^6 \text{ ml}^{-1}$ in RPMI containing 200 IU/ml penicillin, 200 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ streptomycin sulfate and supplemented with 10% HIFCS, at room temperature.

Eosinophils (700 μl) were pre-incubated for 15 mins at 37° C with 7 μl of either vehicle or compound (100x required final concentration in 10% DMSO). The chemotaxis plate (ChemoTx, 3 μm pore, Neuroprobe) was loaded by adding 28 μl of a concentration of eotaxin 0.1 to 100nM (a selective CCR3 agonist over this concentration range) containing a concentration of a compound according to the Examples or solvent to the lower wells of the chemotaxis plate. The filter was then placed over the wells and 25 μl of eosinophil suspension were added to the top of the filter. The plate was incubated for 1 hr at 37° C in a humidified incubator with a 95% air/5% CO₂ atmosphere to allow chemotaxis.

The medium, containing cells that had not migrated, was carefully aspirated from above the filter and discarded. The filter was washed once with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) containing 5 mM EDTA to remove any adherent cells. Cells that had migrated through the filter were pelleted by centrifugation (300xg for 5 mins at room temperature) and the filter removed and the supernatant transferred to each well of a 96-well plate (Costar). The pelleted cells were lysed by the addition of 28 μl of PBS containing 0.5% Triton x100 followed by two cycles of freeze/thawing. The cell lysate was then added to the supernatant. The number of eosinophils migrating was quantified according to the method of Strath et al., *J. Immunol. Methods*, 1985, 83, 209 by measuring eosinophil peroxidase activity in the supernatant.

Compounds of the Examples were found to be antagonists of eotaxin mediated human eosinophil chemotaxis if the concentration response to eotaxin was shifted to the right of the control curve. Measuring the concentration of eotaxin required to give 50%

chemotaxis in the presence or absence of compounds enables the apparent affinity of the compounds at CCR3 to be calculated.

Example	% inhibition at 1 μ M
5	>75
73	>75

5

Example 76Guinea-pig isolated trachea

(See for example, Harrison, R.W.S., Carswell, H. & Young, J.M. (1984) European J. Pharmacol., 106, 405-409.)

Male albino Dunkin-Hartley guinea-pigs (250g) were killed by cervical dislocation and the whole trachea removed. After clearing the adherent connective tissue, the trachea was cut into six ring segments each three cartilage bands wide and then suspended in 20ml organ baths containing Krebs-Henseleit solution of the following composition (mM): NaCl 117.6, NaH₂PO₄ 0.9, NaHCO₃ 25.0, MgSO₄ 1.2, KCl 5.4, CaCl₂ 2.6 and glucose 11.1. The buffer was maintained at 37°C and gassed with 5% CO₂ in oxygen. Indomethacin (2.8 μ M) was added to the Krebs solution to prevent development of smooth muscle tone due to the synthesis of cyclo-oxygenase products. The tracheal rings were suspended between two parallel tungsten wire hooks, one attached to an Ormed beam isometric force transducer and the other to a stationary support in the organ bath. Changes in isometric force were recorded on 2-channel Sekonic flat bed chart recorders.

20 Experimental protocols

At the beginning of each experiment a force of 1g was applied to the tissues and this was reinstated over a 60 minute equilibration period until a steady resting tone was achieved. Subsequently, a cumulative histamine concentration effect (E/[A]) curve was constructed at 0.5 log₁₀ unit increments, in each tissue. The tissues were then washed and approximately 30 minutes later, test compound or vehicle (20% DMSO) was added. Following an incubation period of 60 minutes a second E/[A] curve was performed to histamine.

Contraction responses were recorded as a percentage of the first curve maximum.
Data analysis

Experimental E/[A] curve data were analysed for the purposes of estimating the potencies (p[A₅₀] values) of histamine in the absence and presence of the test compound.

30

Affinity (pA_2) values of test compounds were subsequently calculated using the following equation:

$$\log(r-1) = \log[B] + pA_2$$

where $r = [A]_{50}$ in presence of test compound/ $[A]_{50}$ in absence of antagonist and $[B]$ is the

5 concentration of test compound. Compounds of the Examples were found to be H1 antagonists.

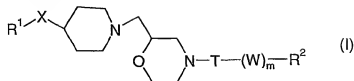
Example 77

Histamine H1 receptor binding activity of compounds of the invention was assessed by competition displacement of 1nM $[3H]$ -pyrilamine (Amersham, Bucks,
10 Product code TRK 608, specific activity 30Ci/mmol) to 2 μ g membranes prepared from recombinant CHO-K1 cells expressing the human H1 receptor (Euroscreen SA, Brussels, Belgium, product code ES-390-M) in assay buffer (50mM Tris pH 7.4 containing 2mM $MgCl_2$, 250mM sucrose and 100mM NaCl) for 1 hour at room temperature.

Example	H1 pKi / [1328_S]
3	7.9
4	7.0
5	7.7
73	8.1

CLAIMS

1. A compound of formula (I):



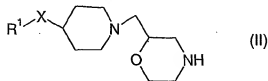
- 5 T is C(O) or S(O)₂;
 W is CH₂, (CH₂)₂, CH(CH₃), CH(CH₃)O or cyclopropyl;
 X is O, CH₂, C(O), S, S(O), S(O)₂ or NR³;
 m is 0 or 1;
 R¹ is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;
 10 R² is alkyl (optionally substituted by OH), cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;
 wherein the foregoing aryl and heterocyclyl moieties are optionally substituted by:
 halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, oxo, S(O)_pR⁴, OC(O)NR⁵R⁶, NR⁷R⁸, NR⁹C(O)R¹⁰,
 NR¹¹C(O)NR¹²R¹³, S(O)₂NR¹⁴R¹⁵, NR¹⁶S(O)₂R¹⁷, C(O)NR¹⁸R¹⁹, C(O)R²⁰, CO₂R²¹,
 15 NR²²CO₂R²³, C₁-₆ alkyl, C₁-₆ haloalkyl, C₁-₆ alkoxy(C₁-₆)alkyl, C₁-₆ alkoxy, C₁-₆ haloalkoxy, C₁-₆ alkoxy(C₁-₆)alkoxy, C₁-₆ alkylthio, C₂-₆ alkenyl, C₂-₆ alkynyl, C₃-₁₀ cycloalkyl (itself optionally substituted by C₁-₄ alkyl or oxo), methylenedioxy, difluoromethylenedioxy, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-₄)alkyl, phenoxy, phenylthio, phenyl(C₁-₄)alkoxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C₁-₄)alkyl, heteroarylthio or
 20 heteroaryl(C₁-₄)alkoxy; wherein any of the immediately foregoing phenyl and heteroaryl moieties are optionally substituted with halogen, hydroxy, nitro, S(O)_q(C₁-₄ alkyl), S(O)₂NH₂, cyano, C₁-₄ alkyl, C₁-₄ alkoxy, C(O)NH₂, C(O)NH(C₁-₄ alkyl), CO₂H, CO₂(C₁-₄ alkyl), NHC(O)(C₁-₄ alkyl), NHS(O)₂(C₁-₄ alkyl), C(O)(C₁-₄ alkyl), CF₃ or OCF₃;
 25 p and q are, independently, 0, 1 or 2;
 R³, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵, R¹⁶, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰, R²¹ and R²² are, independently, hydrogen, C₁-₆ alkyl (optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy or C₃-₁₀ cycloalkyl), CH₂(C₂-₆ alkenyl), phenyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH₂, NH(C₁-₄ alkyl), N(C₁-₄ alkyl)₂, S(O)₂(C₁-₄ alkyl), S(O)₂NH₂, cyano, C₁-₄ alkyl, C₁-₄ alkoxy, C(O)NH₂, C(O)NH(C₁-₄ alkyl), CO₂H,

$\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{O})(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{NHS}(\text{O})_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, CF_3 or OCF_3 or heterocyclyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NH}_2$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$, cyano, $\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkoxy}$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$, CO_2H , $\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{O})(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{NHS}(\text{O})_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, CF_3 or OCF_3); alternatively NR^5R^6 , NR^7R^8 , $\text{NR}^{12}\text{R}^{13}$, $\text{NR}^{14}\text{R}^{15}$, $\text{NR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$ or groups $\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2$ may, independently, form a 4-7 membered heterocyclic ring, azetidine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, azepine, 1,4-morpholine or 1,4-piperazine, the latter optionally substituted by $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl}$ on the distal nitrogen; R^4 , R^{17} and R^{23} are, independently, $\text{C}_{1-6} \text{ alkyl}$ (optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy or $\text{C}_{3-10} \text{ cycloalkyl}$), $\text{CH}_2(\text{C}_{2-6} \text{ alkenyl})$, phenyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), $\text{S}(\text{O})_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NH}_2$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), cyano, $\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkoxy}$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), CO_2H , $\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{O})(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{NHS}(\text{O})_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, CF_3 or OCF_3) or heterocyclyl (itself optionally substituted by halogen, hydroxy, nitro, NH_2 , $\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), $\text{S}(\text{O})_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NH}_2$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), cyano, $\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkoxy}$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ (and these alkyl groups may join to form a ring as described for R^5 and R^6 above), CO_2H , $\text{CO}_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{NHC}(\text{O})(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{NHS}(\text{O})_2(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, $\text{C}(\text{O})(\text{C}_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})$, CF_3 or OCF_3); or an N-oxide thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; or a solvate thereof.

30

2. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 wherein X is O.

3. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or 2 wherein R^1 is phenyl substituted with one or more of fluorine, chlorine, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkoxy.
4. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein T is is C(O).
5. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein m is 1 and W is CH_2 .
6. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 wherein m is 0.
7. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of the prededing claims wherein R^2 is phenyl optionally substituted by: halo, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, amino, C_{1-4} alkyl (itself optionally substituted by S(O)₂phenyl), C_{1-4} alkoxy, S(O)_k R^{24} (wherein k is 0, 1 or 2; and R^{24} is C_{1-4} alkyl or phenyl) or C_{1-4} haloalkylthio.
8. A compound of formula (I) as claimed in any one of the prededing claims wherein R^2 is optionally substituted heterocyclyl; wherein heterocyclyl is thienyl, thiazolyl, pyrazolyl, isoxazolyl, 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, 1,2,3-triazolyl, tetrazolyl, imidazolyl, pyridinyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, benz[b]thienyl, indazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benztriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, imidazo[1,2a]pyridinyl, [1,8]naphthyridinyl, isoquinolinyl, thieno[2,3-b]pyridinyl, pyrazolo[5,1-c][1,2,4]triazinyl, purinyl, pyrazolo[1,5-a]pyrimidinyl, thieno[2,3-c]pyrazolyl or phthalazinyl; and heterocyclyl is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkylthio, phenyl, thienyl, pyridinyl, CF_3 , NH_2 , $CO_2(C_{1-4}$ alkyl) or oxo.
9. A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, the process comprising reacting a compound of formula (II):



wherein R^1 and X are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula:



wherein T, W, R² and m are as defined in claim 1, and, wherein when L is halogen the reaction is conducted in the presence of a suitable amine, and when L is OH the reaction is conducted in the presence of a suitable coupling agent.

- 5 10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.
11. A compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof, for use in therapy.
- 10 12. The use of a compound of the formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for use in therapy.
- 15 13. A method of treating a chemokine mediated disease state in a mammal suffering from, or at risk of, said disease, which comprises administering to a mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate or solvate of a salt thereof, as claimed in claim 1.
- 20

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No..

PCT/SE 02/01651

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: C07D 413/06, C07D 413/14, C07D 471/04, C07D 473/00, C07D 487/04,
C07D 495/04, A61K 31/5377, A61P 11/06, **A61P 37/08**
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: C07D, A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

CHEM.ABS.DATA

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 0035877 A1 (DU PONT PHARMACEUTICALS COMPANY), 22 June 2000 (22.06.00), see particularly table 1, formula 2, page 138 -- -----	1-13

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

"X" document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art

"&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

28 November 2002

Date of mailing of the international search report

16-12-2002

Name and mailing address of the ISA/
Swedish Patent Office
Box 5055, S-102 42 STOCKHOLM
Facsimile No. +46 8 666 02 86

Authorized officer

NEBIL GECER/BS
Telephone No. +46 8 782 25 00

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/SE02/01651**Box I** Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 13
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see next sheet
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/SE02/01651

Claim 13 relates to a method of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or by therapy/a diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body/Rule 39.1(iv). Nevertheless, a search has been executed for this claim. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the compounds/compositions.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International application No.

PCT/SE 02/01651

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 0035877 A1	22/06/00	AU 2056800 A	03/07/00
		EP 1140834 A	10/10/01
		US 6036057 A	14/03/00
		US 6331545 B	18/12/01
		US 2002119980 A	29/08/02
